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~~DNO~~ CAT 1 has had a busy month on both training and operations in the Sydney area; they are now up to complement. R 22/4.

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CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1976

Forwarded.

R.C. Swan

(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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CDT ONE Report 16/17/4 dated 3rd February 1976

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

3 FEB 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasure
Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of January 1976.

2. During the first half of the month the majority of the team were on main leave and the retard unit were kept busy with a variety of tasks in the Sydney area. On 19th January the bulk of the main leave party returned and nine personnel posted into the team. The latter half of the month was spent preparing for the team's work-up which commenced on 28th January with three days of EOD refresher training at HMAS PENGUIN.

3. The few remaining sequences of the mine demolition film being made by Defence Public Relations were completed during the first week of the month. The personnel involved were required at RAAF Richmond for one day and Jervis Bay for the remainder of the week.

4. The team was involved in two bomb threat incidents during the month. On Sunday 11th January I led a unit of six personnel which assisted the Sydney Water Police to search two merchant ships on their arrival in Sydney Harbour. The ships had sailed from Brisbane two days before and the Police had received an annonymous telephone call stating that a bomb had been placed on one of the ships. Both searches proved negative and a report of the operation has been forwarded in CDT 1 letter 5/4/65 dated 16th January, 1976.

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5. The following Saturday, the 17th January, a unit of five personnel was recalled at 1830 after an annonymous bomb threat had been received by telephone onboard HMAS BRISBANE alongside at Garden Island. The unit carried out a thorough search of the ship but no explosive device was found.

6. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. The unit has also been carrying out CDT 2 tasks during their work up period which commenced on the 19th January. This gave the team an opportunity to carry out the night attack swim against HMAS DERWENT during an Operation Awkward exercise in Sydney Harbour on 29th January. This exercise, which is outside the teams usual role, provided a useful and successful training opportunity.

7. LEUT M.A. LYNCH, GLEX MCD , RAN assumed command of Clearance Diving Team One on the 28th January 1976.

Complement

8. Members of the team are deployed in:-

HMAS VAMPIRE - POCD AND LSCD

HMAS DERWENT - POCD AND ABCD

The team has a full complement and one member of the team was promoted to POCD making good the deficiency in complement reported in December 1975 Report of Proceedings.

Health, Welfare and Morale

9. The health and morale of personnel is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(S.J. GOBEY)
LIEUTENANT ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX 'A' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/3
DATED:

ANNEX 'A'

DATE	SHIP/VENUE	-	TASK
5/1/76) 6/1/76)	HMAS IBIS	-	FM & T SEARCH FOR LOST STORES AT WATERHEN - UNSECCUSSFUL.
12/1/76	HMAS DUCHESS	-	POKER GUAGE TEST AND SCREW CLEAN - OIL WHARF 6.1.
15/1/76	HMAS GLAMORGAN	-	ASSIST WITH SHIPS DIVER TRAINING STORES BEACH/CHEWDER BAY.
16/1/76	HMAS WATERHEN	- -	SCREW EXCHANGE ON BERTRAM 38102 AT WATERHEN CLEAN HULL AWB 444.
19/1/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	ASSIST WITH MONTHLY DIVES - SHIPS DIVERS - PRELIMINARY DIVES FOR CANDIDATES.
20/1/76	HMAS MELBOURNE	-	CARRY OUT PRELIMINARY DIVES WITH SHIPS DIVERS CANDIDATES - SHARK IS.
21/1/76	G.I.D.	-	GROOVE CLEARANCE - CAPTAIN COOK DOCK.
22/1/76	HMAS PLATYPUS	-	ASSIST RANTAU - NEUTRAL BAY - LAYING HYDROPHONE CABLE.
23/1/76	EMS MOORING	-	PRELIMINARY DIVES AND MONTHLY DIVES FOR SHIPS DIVERS.
23/1/76	RUSHCUTTERS BAY	-	ASSIST WITH RECOVERY OF MOORING ANCHORS FOR G.I.D.

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DATE	SHIP/VENUE	-	TASK
27/1/76	SHARK ISLAND	-	PRELIMINARY DIVES FOR SHIPS DIVER CANDIDATES.
28/1/76	HMAS STALWART	-	TEST DECOMPRESION CHAMBER.
29/1/76	HMAS DERWENT	-	DEMONSTRATION AND OPERATION AWKWARD - NO. 4 BUOY.
30/1/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	SEARCH FOR LOST BOAT KEYS - UNSUCCESSFUL - INSPECT HULL - 33' MOTOR BOAT.

ANNEX 'B' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/3
DATED:

ANNEX 'B'

DATE	EOD TASKS - JANUARY 1976.
11/1/76	ASSIST WITH BOMB SEARCH " STRAAT SINGAPORE" AND "NITCHU MARU".
17/11/76	CARRIED OUT BOMB SEARCH - HMAS BRISBANE - WEST DOCK WALL - G.I.

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~~HMAS~~ CDT. ONE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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~~DNO~~ The employment of CDT ONE is shown at Annex

~~DGNOP~~ CL 27/4 A. Additionally, and at the direction of

~~DCNS~~ (for info re Deep diving team) FOCAF, a deep Diving Unit has been formed

~~CNS~~ to provide a 180' capability.

~~CNP~~ 29/4

~~CNTS~~ 30/4

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~~CNM~~ 4/5

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(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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-3 MAR 1976
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CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

2 MAR 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

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HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasure Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of February, 1976.

2. The majority of the month has been taken up with the team's work up. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit carried out one weeks Underwater Tools refresher at HMAS PENGUIN from 2nd to 6th February. From 9th to 20th February, the two Operational Units carried out Demolition and Surface EOD refresher training at 223 Supply Company, Marangaroo, Lithgow supervised by staff from the MCD School, HMAS PENGUIN. The two Operational Units left for Port Stephens in DTV 1001 Seal on 24th February for 2 weeks operational diving work up and are due to return on 4th March.

3. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. One of the more interesting tasks was the survey of Balmoral Beach in preparation for a combined Army/Navy beach landing presentation.

4. As a result of Operation Sea King Recovery and as directed by you, Sir, a Deep Diving Unit has been formed within the team. Three dives to 180 feet have been carried out in the 10 man RCC embarked in HMAS STALWART and, on the return of the Operational Units from Port Stephens, a continuing programme of dives to 180 feet off Sydney Heads from a HMAS WATERHEN based TRV fitted with the team's 1 man RCC is planned.

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A proposal that, in addition to these dives in the open sea, approval be sought for the use of either Woranora or Warragamba Dams as a standby locality was forwarded in Clearance Diving Team One's letter 5/4/68 of 12th February, 1976.

5. Personnel from the Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit are currently loaned to HMA Ships, SUPPLY, SWAN and MELBOURNE to assist in the preparation and maintenance of their diving equipment stores in the absence of a suitably qualified ships diver.

6. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit travelled to HMAS CRESWELL on 11th February to remove the damaged starboard propellor from TRV 803. A report of the damage was forwarded in Clearance Diving Team One's letter 53/10/4 dated 26th February 1976. It is considered that the damage was due to poor casting and photographs are enclosed.

Complement

7. Members of the team are deployed in:-

a. HMAS DERWENT - POCD AND ABCD

b. HMAS YARRA - POCD

The team is one POCD under complement with the compassionate posting of POCD R.S. JACKSON R64307 to HMAS MORETON.

Health, Welfare and Morale

8. The health and morale of the team is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

M A Lynch

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX 'A' - FMTU Tasks February, 1976.

ANNEX 'B' - EOD Tasks February 1976.

Enclosure: 3 Photographs of Damaged Propellor of TRV 803.

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ANNEX 'A' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED: 2 MAR 1976

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS

DATE	SHIP/VENUE		TASKS
02/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Clear Fouled propellor 33' Motor Boat.
04/2/76	S.E. POUND	-	Clean Hull T.B. 502, Recover lost tools.
06/2/76	GARDEN ISLAND	-	Assist with Propellor Clean.
09/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Bottom Survey, Main Wharf Area - Balls Head Bay.
10/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Bottom Survey - Main Wharf Area - Balls Head Bay.
10/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Clear Fouled Propellor TRV 803.
11/2/76	HMAS CRESWELL	-	Propellor Removal TRV 801.
13/2/76	BALMORAL BEACH	-	Beach Survey.
13/2/76	S.E. POUND	-	Preliminary dives for Ships Diver Candidates from HMAS BRISBANE.
17/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Preliminary dive for Ships Diver Candidate.
17/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Clear water inlet - Admiral's Barge.
19/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Hull Survey - HMAS IBIS.
	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Preliminary dive for Ships Diver Candidate.
	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Search for lost stores - Balls Head Bay.
24/2/76	HMAS MELBOURNE	-	Fitting Out Wharf - Assist with Underwater Maintenance.
24/2/76	HMAS WATERHEN	-	Clear Fouled Propellor 33' Motor Boat.
25/2/76	STORES BEACH	-	Underwater Filming for Australian Broadcasting Commission
27/2/76	HMAS MELBOURNE (Fitting Out Wharf)	-	Assist with Underwater Maintenance.

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ANNEX 'B' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED: 2 MAR 1976

EOD TASKS

15/2/76 Recover one MK 4 N expended smoke float - Wanda Beach.

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HMAS CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MAR'76.

~~ASRP-N~~ 18/5

~~DNO~~ CDT 1 has had a routine month, even including becoming film

~~DGNOR~~ 21/5 stove: FOCAF had commented on equipment defects 18/5

~~DCNS~~

~~CNS~~ 24/5

~~CNP~~ 25/5

~~CNTS~~ 25/5

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2. A separate report on the matters raised in paragraph 6 and their effects on the diving capabilities of CDT ONE and ship's diving teams is being forwarded.

R.C. Swan

(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

Clearance Diving Team One Report of Proceedings 16/17/4 dated 5th April, 1976

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

5 APR 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Countermeasure Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of March 1976.

2. The annual work up was completed on 9th March with the return of DTV1001 SEAL from Port Stephens. Sailing was delayed 5 days due to bad weather caused by Cyclone Colin and defects in the main engine starter motor batteries.

3. During the period in Port Stephens the opportunity was taken to carry out two more beach surveys. These surveys were documented in the normal CDT1 reporting manner (a combination of Form JIB100 and SAS method) and the USN method from COMPHIBPAC instruction C3820-8D. The latter method was one alternative recommended by you, Sir, in your letter 21/2/20 of 15th November 1974 in an attempt to standardize the many various reporting methods now in use. It is intended to request the Commander, First Australian Landing Craft Squadron to comment on the suitability of the USN method for use by his units.

4. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. It is pleasing to note the increase in the number of preliminary dives being carried out. the details of which are also contained in Annex A.

5. The Deep Diving unit has carried out 1 open sea dive to 180 feet and 2 R.C.C. dives to 180 feet during the month. The RCC dives were in lieu of planned open sea dives cancelled due to bad weather. Hopefully the unit will shortly be granted the use of either Woranona or Warrangamba dams to carry

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out deep dives and this should aleviate the cancellation of dives due to weather conditions. It is planned to carry out two 180 feet open sea/dam dives and one 180 feet RCC dive per week in future, depending on other commitments.

6. A defect in SSBA stopped all diving on this equipment on 23rd March. The original defect was reported in my message DWW/KOH/DUR 230530Z Mar 76 and expanded by my letter 98/5/9 dated 26th March 1976. To date the problem has not been resolved and the Team's serviceable diving equipment is now limited to 3 sets CABA (one in excess of allowance) and 3 sets CDBA FGT1/A.

Complement

7. Members of the team are deployed in:

HMAS DERWENT - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD.

The team is one POCD and one LSCD under complement due to postings without relief.

Health, Welfare and Morale

8. The health and morale of the team is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

MA Lynch P.

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex A - FMTU Tasks March 1976.

Annex B - EOD Tasks March 1976.

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Annex A to CDT1
letter 16/17/4 dated

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS - MARCH 1976

Date	Venue	Task
March 01	DUCHESS	Poker Guage Test R/C lost stores
03	STALWART	Prelim dives for candidates from MELBOURNE & SWAN
08	PLATYPUS	Remove Blank-offs HMAS OTWAY
09	STALWART SWAN	Clean intakes and grates. Exercise HMAS SWAN divers.
10	STALWART SE Pound	RCC dive for candidates from TORRENS and SUPPLY Preliminary dives for candidates from TORRENS and SUPPLY.
11	WATERHEN	Clean screws HMAS BUCCANEER. Survey " " " Clear rope from screws of HPB 3352.
12	WATERHEN SWAN	Remove and replace both screws HMAS BUCCANEER Exercise HMAS SWAN divers
15.	Rose Bay WATERHEN	Locate A/S Motar projectiles. Clear fouled propeller 33' Motor Boat.
16	WATERHEN	R/C MORTARS Rose Bay.
17	WATERHEN	R/C MORTARS Rose Bay. Remove and replace cone nut Bertram.
19	WATERHEN	Survey screws and shafts HMAS BOMBARD Prelim dives for candidates from MELBOURNE.
22	WATERHEN Mort. Bay Rose Bay	Feeler guage readings, HMAS BOMBARD. Hull clean "South Steyne" Sea Bed Survey
23	Chowder Bay WATERHEN	Film for ABC Search for lost stores. Hull clean TRV802

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ANNEX A

Date	Venue	Task
24	WATERHEN	Clean U/W earthing plate DTV "SEAL"
	WATERHEN	Clear fouled propeller - 33' Motor Boat
25	Garden Is. Mort Bay	Hull survey HMAS MELBOURNE Hull Clean "South Steyne"
29	Mort Bay	Hull clean "South Steyne"
30	VAMPIRE	Prelim dives for candidates from VAMPIRE.
	Mort Bay	Hull clean "South Steyne"
31	S.E. Pound	Prelim dives for candidates from HMAS BRISBANE.

Preliminary Dives

Ship	Applied	Pass	Fail
MELBOURNE	9	8	1
SWAN	8	7	1
SUPPLY	6	5	1
TORRENS	6	4	2
VAMPIRE	6	4	2
BRISBANE	3	2	1
TOTAL	38	30	8

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EOD TASKS - MARCH 1976

17th March — Recover one expended Marker Maune Mk 25 - Thompson's Beach, Clovelly.

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CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1976

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Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

1. CDT ONE Report 16/17/4 dated 30th April 1976

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Clearance Diving Team One
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and Patrol Boat Forces
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The Commander
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CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of April, 1976.

2. Diving on SSBA was extended to 66 feet on 6th April, after a period of 14 days when the equipment was completely unserviceable. A meeting was held in HMAS WATERHEN on 12th April, attended by representatives from DNUR, GOSIEAA, NTS Annex and CSS Sydney (DEFNAV CANBERRA DUR/KOH/DWW 080535Z Apr 76 refers), at which a plan of action was decided upon to rectify the defects causing the limitations in its use.

3. The Deep Diving Unit continued its diving programme during the month, however, unfavorable weather conditions have curtailed planned open sea dives on a number of occasions. My letter 5/4/68 dated 14th April, 1976 raises this problem in more detail and offers a suggested solution. Since mid February, when the unit was formed, the following dives have taken place:-

DEPTH (Feet)	EQUIPMENT	AVERAGE TIME PER MAN (Minutes)
170	Drager CDBA	30 (2 dives)
180	SSBA	16
180	RCC	120 (6 dives)
200	RCC	62 (2 dives)

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4. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. The number of applications for preliminary dives continues to be encouraging.

5. An anti-infiltration exercise was carried out on 14th April, at HMAS WATSON. Eight members of the team acted as infiltrators and a report on the exercise was forwarded direct to the Commanding Officer HMAS WATSON. All infiltrators were able to enter the establishment succesfully, however, 2 were apprehended whilst inside the establishment and 2 more whilst attempting to leave. All eight were able to place "stickers" on a number of buildings.

6. Four team members were recalled at 1650 Saturday 24th April, to investigate a suspected anti tank mine located at Clovelly Beach by civilian divers. Darkness prevented a search that day however, the following day a search was made of the area approximately 30 metres off Clovelly Beach pool, and one metal container lid was recovered.

7. My Executive Officer, LEUT D.N.W. BELL, proceeded to HMAS MORETON on 29th April to attand a planning meeting for the forthcoming deployment of a unit of the team to the Gulf of Carpentaria area to conduct beach reconnaisance surveys of selected areas. It is planned that the unit will fly to Darwin on 20th May and return on 30th June.

8. During the month eight personnel commenced mid Winter leave, thus ensuring that the team strength is not depleted over the main mid Winter leave period.

Complement

9. Members of the team are deployed in:

HMAS DERWENT - 1POCD and 1ABCD

The team is one POCD and one LSCD under complement due to postings without relief, however, one LSCD is posted to join on 7th June.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

10. The health and morale of the team is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MAL P.

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
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Annexes: ANNEX 'A' - FMTU Tasks April, 1976.

ANNEX 'B' - EOD Tasks April, 1976.

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ANNEX 'A' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED: 30 APR 1976

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS

APRIL, 1976

DATE	VENUE	TASK
01 APR	ROSE BAY	Locate and recover A/S Mortar Projectiles
02 APR	WATERHEN	Clean Hull Bertram
02 APR	G.I.	Recover Lost Stores (VAMPIRE)
05 APR	WATERHEN	Search for Lost Items - Patrol Boat Wharf
06 APR	G.I.	Hull Clean (VAMPIRE)
06 APR	G.I.	Preliminary Dives for a candidate from VAMPIRE
08 APR	S.E. POUND	Preliminary Dives for candidates from STALWART, SUPPLY, SNIPE, BRISBANE, MELBOURNE
08 APR	WATERHEN	Hull Clean of 2 x 33' Motor Boats and 1 AWB from G.I.
08 APR	MORT BAY	Hull Clean South Steyne
13 APR	G.I.	Preliminary Dives for Candidates from SUPPLY and BRISBANE
13 APR	G.I.	Continue Hull Clean on VAMPIRE with monthly Dippers
14 APR	G.I.	Continue Hull Clean on VAMPIRE with monthly Dippers
20 APR	G.I.	Preliminary Dives for candidates from YARRA

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DATE	VENUE	TASK
21 APR	PLATYPUS	Recovery of Lost Stores
22 APR	G.I.	Preliminary Dive for candidates from SNIPE
22 APR	G.I.	Continue Hull Clean on VAMPIRE with monthly Dippers.
23 APR	WATERHEN	Recover Lost Items - Patrol Boat Wharf
23 APR	WATERHEN	Clear fouled propellor on BERTRAM
25 APR	COOGEE BEACH	Investigate Suspect item for explosive content
28 APR	G.I.	Carry out Hull Survey on TORRENS
29 APR	G.I.	Carry out Hull Survey - MELBOURNE complete Hull Survey - TORRENS continue Hull Clean on VAMPIRE with monthly Dippers.
29 APR	WATERHEN	Check Hull and Propellors 33' Motor Boat. Preliminary Dives for candidates from SUPPLY
30 APR	G.I.	Hull Clean VAMPIRE

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PRELIMINARY DIVES - APRIL, 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
VAMPIRE	1	1	-
STALWART	1	1	-
SUPPLY	10	8	2
SNIPE	2	2	-
BRISBANE	3	3	-
MELBOURNE	2	2	-
YARRA	3	3	-
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ANNEX 'B' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED: 30 APR 1976

EOD TASKS - APRIL, 1976

10 APR	Recover one expended MK 25 Mod 3 Smoke Float WATTAMOLLA BEACH
12 APR	Recover Two Expended MK 25 Smoke Floats - BONNYVALE BEACH and MAROUBRA Police Station.
18 APR	Recover one expended MK 25 Smoke Float - BALLINA (Northern N.S.W.).
25 APR	Recover one half expended MK 25 Smoke Float - CRONULLA BEACH.

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DGLOG-N – para 5

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DGSUP-N – Para 5 - A revised allowance has now been authorised after a review which resulted in a substantial saving. Despite the implication in the final sentence the relevant file indicated that the team had the use of stores in excess of the earlier allowance. 22/10

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MAY, 1976

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
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2 JUN 1976

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The Commander
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HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR MAY, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of May, 1976.

2. Eleven team members under the command of my Executive Officer, LEUT D.N.W. BELL departed Sydney by RAAF aircraft on Thursday 20th May. They flew to Darwin to join HMA Ships BETANO and BRUNEI to carry out Beach Reconnaisance Surveys of selected areas in the Cape York Peninsula area as directed by Commander, First Australian Landing Craft Squadron.

3. Six days prior to departure, the team's portable diving air compressor became unserviceable and an interim replacement was purchased from Melbourne to enable the unit to proceed to Darwin (DEFNAV Canberra KOH/DAU/OWU 172235Z MAY 76 refers). This highlighted the extreme shortage of portable diving air compressors, as the unit held by Clearance Diving Team One is the only compressor in the RAN. This has been the situation since late 1973 when the then in service Cornelius compressors failed to produce air to an acceptable standard (CDT 1 Letter 98/5/, of 13th March, 1975 refers).

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Hopefully the situation will shortly be rectified by the planned introduction of the Bauer model K14 - 55 compressor.

4. The Deep Diving Unit continued its diving programme during the month, however, due to the unavailability of a TRV and the deployment of some of the unit members to Cape York Peninsula the programme has been primarily restricted to RCC dives. The following dives took place:-

DATE	DEPTH	EQUIPMENT	NO. OF PERSONS	TIME PER MAN
06 May	170'	FGT1/A	4	17 mins.
12 May	180'	RCC	4	19 mins.
14 May	180'	RCC	3	17 mins.
24 May	200'	RCC	4	26 mins.
28 May	200'	RCC	5	41 mins.

The team is currently awaiting approval to use Blowering Storage Reservoir near Tumut to carry out deep diving when weather conditions preclude open sea dives (A.F. Letter 5/4/15 of 17th May, 1976 refers).

5. The shortage of diving equipment continues to be cause for concern. The team is currently limited to six sets CABA (deployed to Cape York Peninsula) which is 4 sets in excess of allowance, SSBA (limited to 66 feet) and 2 sets Drager FGT 1/A. The major cause of the shortage of equipment, apart from the continued unavailability of CO_2 absorbent for Oxygen Breathing Apparatus, is the fact that the team is still operating on a Stores Allowance List (RANAL CAT 80) designed for the pre 1974 team strength of 12. Team strength was increased to 30 with the re-organisation of the Clearance Diving Branch in January, 1974 and after a reasonable period of operating under the new complement, Department of Defence (Navy Office) directed that any recommended change to the allowance of equipment be forwarded. This was done in late 1974 and forwarded under cover of A.F. Letter 98/5/16 of 27th May, 1975. To date no approval has been given for this increase in equipment. Thus the team has been operating for 2½ years with 30 personnel using an equipment allowance designed for 12 personnel.

6. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. Unfortunately no preliminary dives were carried out during the month, which is a reversal of the encouraging numbers carried out during March and April.

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Complement

7. Members of the team are currently deployed in:

HMAS DERWENT	-	IPOCD and IABCD
HMAS HOBART	-	IPOCD and ILSCD (joined 17 May)
HMAS STUART	-	ILSCD (joined 17 May)
HMAS SUPPLY	-	IPOCD and IABCD (joined 24 May)
HMAS VAMPIRE	-	ICPOCD and IABCD (joined 3 May)

The team is still one POCD and one LSCD under complement due to postings without relief, however, one LSCD is posted to join on 7th June.

Health, Welfare and Morale

8. The health and morale of the remaining team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

MA Lynch P.

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
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Annexes: 'A' - FMTU Tasks May, 1976.

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ANNEX 'A' TO
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LETTER: 16/17/4
DATED: 2 JUN 1976

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS
MAY, 1976

DATE	VENUE	TASK
03 MAY	WATERHEN	Remove Stbd. rudder post Bertram.
05 MAY	G.I.	Monthly dips YARRA and DUCHESS
06 MAY	PLATYPUS	Poker Gauge checks OVENS
07 MAY	PLATYPUS	Complete Poker Gauge checks OVENS
09 MAY	TARBAN POINT	Search for rowing club gear - University of N.S.W. Rowing Club.
12 MAY	PLATYPUS	Bottom Survey alongside wharf.
13 MAY	WATERHEN	Hull clean IBIS.
14 MAY	COCKATOO DOCK	Monthly dips YARRA
14 MAY	PLATYPUS	Change Log Probe OVENS
17 MAY	ROSE BAY	Mortar recovery - PARRAMATTA
18 MAY	G.I.	Monthly dips - BOSBANS
19 MAY	ROSE BAY	Mortar Recovery - PARRAMATTA
20 MAY	WATERHEN	Replace Stbd. rudder and hull clean - Bertram.
25 MAY	G.I.	Monthly dips - PERTH Screw clean MVL
26 MAY	G.I.	Remove 162 window STUART
27 MAY	G.I.	Complete 162 Window replacement - SHE
28 MAY	PLATYPUS	Replace Log Probe - OXLEY
31 MAY	PORT HACKING	Recover suspected mortar projectile
		Boat Harbour - corroded gas cylinder

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ANNEX 'B' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER: 16/17/4
DATE: 2 JUN 1976

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TASKS
MAY, 1976

03 - 07 MAY - School Holiday Range Clearance Beecroft Range.

07 May - Recover expended MK25 Smoke Float - The Entrance.

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FOR DFSR (CAPT WEST)

FROM DNSUS (MR COOK)

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REFERENCE YOUR C76/219 OF 22 SEPTEMBER 1976

1. AFTER EXHAUSTIVE RESEARCH TO UPDATE STOCK NUMBERS AND TO PROVIDE AN APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF COST INVOLVED WHICH, IN TURN, BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST INHERENT IN THE PROPOSAL REQUIRED A RATIONALISATION BY CDT ONE, THE ALLOWANCE LIST REVISION (FINAL APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF COST INVOLVED $29,000) IS CURRENTLY WITH SUPPLY DIRECTORS FOR REMARKS BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL.

2. A DECISION IS ANTICIPATED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SIGNED MR COOK

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NAVSUP AA621520

Discussed with Dr. Hogan.
This was not a DFSR concern and I should have been asked as a matter of courtesy, before information was sought from DNSUS

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UNCLASSIFIED C76/219 22 SEPTEMBER 1976

FOR DNSUS (MR COOK)

FROM DFSR (CAPT WEST)

1. UNCLASSIFIED. THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MAY 1976:

THE SHORTAGE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT CONTINUES TO BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN. THE TEAM IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO SIX SETS CABA (DEPLOYED TO CAPE YORK PENINSULA) WHICH IS 4 SETS IN EXCESS OF ALLOWANCE, SSBA (LIMITED TO 66 FEET) AND 2 SETS DRAGER FGT 1/A. THE MAJOR CAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT, APART FROM THE CONTINUED UNAVAILABILITY OF CO2 ABSORBENT FOR OXYGEN BREATHING APPARATUS IS THE FACT THAT THE TEAM IS STILL OPERATING ON A STORES ALLOWANCE LIST (RANAL CAT 80) DESIGNED FOR THE PRE 1974 TEAM STRENGTH OF 12. TEAM STRENGTH WAS INCREASED TO 30 WITH THE REORGANISATION OF THE CLEARANCE DIVING BRANCH IN JANUARY, 1974 AND AFTER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF OPERATING UNDER THE NEW COMPLEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY OFFICE) DIRECTED THAT ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE ALLOWANCE OF EQUIPMENT BE FORWARDED. THIS WAS DONE IN LATE 1974 AND FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF AF LETTER 98/5/16 OF 27TH MAY, 1975. TO DATE NO APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THIS INCREASE IN EQUIPMENT. THUS THE TEAM HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR 2 1/2 (TWO AND A HALF) YEARS WITH 30 PERSONNEL USING AN EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE DESIGNED FOR 12 PERSONNEL.

2. COMMENT IS REQUESTED REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALLOWANCE LIST REVISION.

SGD: B L WEST

NAVSUP AA311180

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Diving tasks in Cape York, Shoalwater Bay and Sydney area.

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For Information:

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HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JUNE 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of June 1976.

2. During the month 11 team members have been deployed in the Cape York Peninsula area conducting beach surveys, 2 have been deployed in Shoalwater Bay carrying out a preliminary survey of Hutton Vale Two beach for Exercise Kangaroo Two with the assistance of MCD School training classes, and 11 are deployed at sea in Fleet units. The remaining 6 team members (Commanding Officer plus 5 ABCDs) have provided the FM & T unit facility.

3. The units deployed in the Cape York Peninsula area and Shoalwater Bay returned to Sydney by RAAF aircraft on 25th June. From 25th June until 4th July, CDT1 has taken over the responsibility for CDT2 tasks while the latter carries out underwater demolition training in Shoalwater Bay. Included in this responsibility is the trialling of modified Drager FGT1/A cylinder valves which is currently underway.

4. The major task for the FM & T unit during the month has been the hull clean of HMAS TORRENS over a period of 7 working days. (HMAS TORRENS DNV/KOH 280143Z JUN 76 refers). A total of 18 ships divers from HMA Ships TORRENS, YARRA, PARRAMATTA, CURLEW and KUTTABUL were utilized during the task for a total of 46 individual dives plus 33 individual dives for the 5 CDT1 personnel. Total diving time was 3420 minutes with an average dive time of 43 minutes.

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2 JUL 1976
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5. The activities of the Deep Diving Unit have been somewhat curtailed during the month due to the shortage of personnel and lack of suitable equipment. Activity was restricted to two RCC dives as follows:

Date	Depth	Equipment	No. of persons	Time per man
01 Jun	200'	RCC	5	41 mins
04 Jun	180'	RCC	4	33 mins

6. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed in Annex C.

7. The 10 man RCC from HMAS STALWART was landed to GID on 4th June prior to the ships departure. The opportunity was taken to advance the planned refit date of the unit and to carry out refitting whilst the RCC was in GID. The refit was commenced on 15th June and it is anticipated that it will be fully operational by 15th July. Investigations are currently underway to determine a more suitable site for the unit on subsequent occasions of landing (COMAUSFLT KOH/KAP 160730Z JUN 76 refers).

8. On 23rd June a unit of CDT1 supported by Clearance Divers from HMAS CURLEW and SNIPE travelled to Jervis Bay to assist in Barra motion trials. Inclement weather limited the length of the trial, however the trials authority expressed satisfaction with the results (TSAWRE Salisbury 290030Z JUN 76 refers).

Complement

9. Members of the team are currently deployed in:

HMAS DERWENT - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD.
HMAS HOBART - 1 POCD and 1 LSCD.
HMAS STUART - 1 LSCD.
HMAS SUPPLY - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD.
HMAS VAMPIRE - 1 CPOCD and 1 ABCD.
HMAS PARRAMATTA - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD (joined 10th June).

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Health, Welfare and Morale

10. The health and morale of the remaining team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - FMTU Tasks - June 1976.

2. Annex B - EOD Tasks - June 1976.

3. Annex C - Preliminary Dives - June 1976.

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Annex A to CDT1 letter 16/17/4
dated 1 JUL 1976

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS JUNE 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASK
03 Jun	GI	Propellor clean & Poker Guage tests HMAS STALWART using divers from HMAS BRISBANE (3) and HMAS YARRA (2).
04 Jun	GI	Propellor clean HMAS STALWART using divers from HMAS SUPPLY (4).
07 Jun	GI	Propellor clean HMAS STALWART.
07 Jun	GI	Clean slipway rails Repair Pound.
08 Jun	GI	Dome clean & blank off valve openings for valve repair HMAS PARRAMATTA.
09 Jun	HMAS PENGUIN	Preliminary dives 12 candidates - HMAS MELBOURNE (9) HMAS PERTH (2) HMAS SNIPE (1).
10 Jun	HMAS PLATYPUS	Monthly dives 3 ships divers.
11 Jun	HMAS WATERHEN	Hull inspection 33ft motor boat.
11 Jun	GI	Resite valve blank off HMAS PARRAMATTA.
15 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS TORRENS.
16 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS TORRENS.
17 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS KIMBLA.
18 Jun	GI	Hull clean and replace anodes HMAS TORRENS.
18 Jun	HMAS PLATYPUS	Inspect sonar dome HMAS OXLEY.
21 Jun	HMAS WATERHEN	Hull survey HMAS BOMBARD.
22 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS TORRENS.
23 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS TORRENS.
24 Jun	GI	Hull clean HMAS TORRENS.
24 Jun	GI	Remove fender jammed between propellor and rudder AWB 1104.
24 Jun	GI	Blank off salt water intake HMAS CURLEW.

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DATE	LOCATION	TASK
25 Jun	GI	Groove clearance Inner C.C.D.
28 Jun	No. 2 buoy	Under-run ground legs to recover anchors.
28 Jun	GI	Monthly dips HMAS OTWAY.
28 Jun	GI	Cleck blocks and positioning HMAS BRISBANE and C.A.L. C.C.D.
28 Jun	GI	Recover oxyacetylene bottles F.O.W.
29 Jun	No. 2 buoy	Under-run ground legs to recover anchors.
30 Jun	GI	Groove swim Outer C.C.D.
30 Jun	No. 2 buoy	Under-run ground legs to recover anchors.

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EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEMOLITION TASKS JUNE 1976

17 - 18 Jun	Recover and dispose of 2.75" rocket motors and Mk 45 Sleves Beecroft Range (in conjunction with CDT2).
20 Jun	Recover 1 in No. Grenade Signal No. 65 Mk N3 and 2 empty containers. Fairfield Police Station.

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dated 1 JUL 1976

PRELIMINARY DIVES JUNE 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
HMAS MELBOURNE	9	8	1
HMAS PERTH	2	1	1
HMAS SNIPE	1	1	-
	12	10	2

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

3 AUG 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR
JULY, 1976.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of July, 1976.

2. On Monday 5th July, eight team members proceeded to Newcastle by road to assist TRV 802 to classify a contact located while searching for the RAAF Mirage that crashed 24th June, 1976. The contact was classified as a rocky out crop. The following day the same unit departed for Jervis Bay to carry out the recovery of the sound range cable and some associated surveys. Details of these operations are covered under seperate reports.

3. Other deployments during the month included 1 CPOCD and 1 LSCD to Christmas Island for the repair of underwater installations (RANRL message 132233Z MAY 76 refers), and 15 members to Shoalwater Bay to carry out underwater demolitions continuation training.

4. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed in Annex 'C'.

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-6 AUG 1976
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Complement

5. Members of the team are currently deployed in:

HMAS DERWENT	-	1 POCD and 1 ABCD
HMAS HOBART	-	1 POCD and 1 LSCD
HMAS STUART	-	1 LSCD
HMAS SUPPLY	-	1 POCD and 1 ABCD
HMAS VAMPIRE	-	1 CPOCD and 1 ABCD
HMAS PARRAMATTA	-	1 POCD and 1 ABCD

Health Welfare and Morale

6. The health and morale of the remaining team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(M.A. LYNCH) A.O.D
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: Annex 'A' - FMTU TASKS - July, 1976.

Annex 'B' - EOD TASKS - July, 1976.

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FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS JULY, 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASK
01 JULY	NO. 2 BUOY	Underrun ground legs to recover anchors.
01 JULY	HMAS KIMBLA	Hull clean.
01 JULY	GI	Remove active rudders - HMAS CURLEW.
02 JULY	GI	Remove stop log gates.
02 JULY	GI	Replace active rudders - HMAS CURLEW.
02 JULY	NO. 2 BUOY	Underrun ground legs and lift anchors.
02 JULY	DG RANGE	Relay DG range cable.
06 JULY	DG RANGE	Check DG range cable.
07 JULY	GI	Check transducer - HMAS CURLEW
14 JULY	GI	Prelim Diver Training.
15 JULY	HMAS WATERHEN	Hull clean - BERTRAM.
19 JULY	NO. 3 BUOY	Loan of divers to CDT TWO to underrun ground legs.
19 JULY	TRV	Torpedo Recovery.
20 JULY	HMAS KIMBLA	Prelim. diver training

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DATE	LOCATION	TASK
20 JULY	HMAS IBIS	Monthly Training.
20 JULY	TRV	Torpedo Recovery.
21 JULY	HMAS OTWAY	Monthly dives, 3 ship's divers.
22 JULY	GI	Recovery of Lost Stores F.O.W.
22 JULY	HMAS OTWAY	Monthly Dives 5 Ships Divers.
23 JULY	NO. 3 BUOY	Underrun ground legs and recover anchors.
23 JULY	HMAS WATERHEN	Pre-Lim Diver Training.
26 JULY	GI	Remove and Replace 162 Sonar Window.
26 JULY	GI	Search for Lost Stores - HMAS MELBOURNE

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ANNEX 'B' TO
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EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEMOLITION TASKS
JULY, 1976

6TH JULY, 1976	Recover 2 MK 25 MOD 3 Smoke Floats - Swansea Heads, NEWCASTLE.
28TH JULY, 1976	Recover one No. 3 MK 2 Smoke Marker - Sydney Harbour Water Police.
29TH JULY, 1976	One MK 25 MOD 3 Smoke Float - Norfolk Island. Item was disposed of by local Police.

CDT ONE OM 100 11/76 refers.

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DATED: - 3 AUG 1976

PRELIMINARY DIVES
JULY, 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
HMAS BRISBANE	2	2	
HMAS KIMBLA	1	1	
HMAS STALWART	2	2	
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- 1 SEP 1976

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS LABUAN

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR
AUGUST, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of August, 1976.

2. On Tuesday 3rd August, my Executive Officer LEUT D.N.W. BELL, RAN and LSCD A.E. SMITH, the only team members not deployed, attended the funeral of the late ABCD C. McFARLANE in Melbourne.

3. On Friday 6th August, 15 team members returned from Underwater Demolitions Training in Shoalwater Bay. The deployment was highly successful and was in no small way due to the co-operation and assistance given by HMAS LABUAN. It is intended, in conjunction with the Diving School and Clearance Diving Team 2, to produce Standard Operating Procedures for this deployment based on the experience gained by each authority on exercises to date. Two team members also returned on Friday 6th from Christmas Island, where they had been assisting Royal Australian Naval Research Laboratory in underwater operations.

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4. On Wednesday 11th August a survey was carried out of the area to the east of the Minesweeping Wharf at HMAS WATERHEN to determine the possibility of manoeuvring and berthing MCMVs in this area.

5. Seven team members departed RAAF Richmond on Monday 16th August to continue assistance to Royal Australian Naval Research Laboratory at Christmas Island. The task was completed successfully and the unit returned to HMAS WATERHEN on Monday 30th August.

6. On Saturday 21st August 11 team members presented a diving display at "Adventureland" Liverpool for underprivileged children. This task is normally carried out by the Naval Display Team but due to prior commitments they were not able to attend. The display gave the team an opportunity to exercise the format to be used in forthcoming events for the 25th Anniversary of the Clearance Diving Branch.

7. Five team members under the command of CPOCD J.W. KERSHLER departed RAAF Richmond on Monday 23rd August to respond to an E.O.D. request from RAAF Townsville. Two 250lbs S.A.P. bombs had been sighted by civilian divers on Brewer Reef some 50 miles from Townsville and reported to RAAF authorities. The unit was transported to the area by RAAF crash boat and disposed of the ordnance on Tuesday 24th August. The unit returned to Sydney by RAAF aircraft on Saturday 28th August.

8. Also on Monday 23rd August 6 team members under the command of CPOCD (USN) J. HARRIS departed HMAS WATERHEN for Beecroft Range to carry out the school holiday range clearance. Three hundred and thirty eight items of ordnance were disposed of as reported in my letter 5/4/57 dated 30th August, 1976. The unit returned to HMAS WATERHEN on Friday 27th August.

9. On Tuesday 24th August I attended a meeting of the Sub Committee on Joint Service Beach Survey and Reconnaisance Procedures held at 10 Terminal Group, Middle Head.

10. At 1230 on Friday 27th August myself and CPOCD M. CURRIE responded to an I.E.D. incident at Royal Australian Naval Research Laboratory. Assistance was requested from the Army E.O.D. Unit at Victoria Barracks, however, the suspected package contained only photographs. The incident again highlights the fact that although Clearance Diving Team One is charged with reaction to I.E.D. incidents we have neither the equipment nor sufficient training to efficiently or safely carry out the task. This deficiency has been and will again be raised separately.

11. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex 'A'. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed in Annex 'C'.

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Complement

12. During the month team members deployed in HMAS STUART, HMAS VAMPIRE, HMAS DERWENT and HMAS SUPPLY have rejoined, and one ABCD was posted to HMAS SNIPE without relief. Members of the team are currently deployed in:-

HMAS HOBART - 1 POCD and 1 LSCD

HMAS PARRAMATTA - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD

13. The team is currently overborne by 2 CPOCDs and underborne by 2 POCDs and 1 ABCD. However, 1 CPOCD is undertaking a Small Ships' Coxswains' Course at HMAS WATSON prior to joining HMAS CURLEW.

Health, Welfare and Morale

14. The health and morale of the team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

MAL P.

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: 'A' - FMTU Tasks - August, 1976.

'B' - EOD Tasks - August, 1976.

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ANNEX 'A' TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED: 1 SEP 1976

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS AUGUST, 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASK
9 AUG	HMAS MELBOURNE	Assist Ship's Staff with Sterngland packing.
9 AUG	No. 3 BUOY	Collect Sea Water Sample for City Morgue.
10 AUG	HMAS WATERHEN	Preliminary Dives for Two Ships' Diver Candidates.
11 AUG	HMAS WATERHEN	Beach Survey at WATERHEN - Balls Head Bay.
12 AUG	HMAS WATERHEN	1. Hull and Screw Clean - TRV 802 2. Anode removal - Bertrams.
16 AUG	HMAS WATERHEN	Replace anodes on both Bertrams
17 AUG	Floating Dock	Recover Ship's Keys lost overboard from TRV 803.
19 AUG	HMAS BRISBANE	Assist with Monthly Dives
21 AUG	Adventureland (Liverpool)	Public Diving Display
27 AUG	HMAS WATERHEN	Hull and Propellor inspection 33' Motor Boat.
31 AUG	Spectacle Is.	Clear intakes T.B. 9.

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E.O.D. TASKS - AUGUST, 1976

DATE	TASK
23 - 27 AUG	School Holiday Range Clearance Beecroft Range.
24 AUG	2 x 250lb S.A.P. Bombs destroyed on John Brewer Reef - Townsville (OM100 12/76 refers).

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ANNEX 'C' TO
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LETTER 16/17/4
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PRELIMINARY DIVES

AUGUST, 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
VAMPIRE	1	1	-
WATERHEN	1	1	-
MELBOURNE	11	5	6
TOTAL	13	7	6

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Clearance Diving Team One,
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060
1 OCT 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron,
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of September 1976.

2. On Wednesday 1st September, a unit of the team under the command of CPOCD (USN) J.L. HARRIS departed Sydney by RAAF aircraft for Darwin to participate in a range clearance exercise at Batchelor, Rum Jungle. A separate report has been forwarded under cover of my letter 5/4/76 dated 17th September 1976. The unit returned to Sydney on Friday 10th September.

3. With the eventual arrival from the United Kingdom of CO2 absorbent for the Oxygen Breathing Apparatus, Operational Units A and B commenced free swimming workup for Exercise Kangaroo Two on 2nd September. The majority of the team have not used Oxygen Breathing Apparatus for over 18 months, due to the lack of CO2 absorbent, and free swimming has continued daily throughout the month to ensure those personnel participating in Kangaroo Two have reached the standard required by ABR 155.

4. On Tuesday 7th September, I attended a meeting on HMAS STALWART to discuss all aspects of HMAS STALWART's involvement in MCM and CDT operations during Kangaroo Two (AF message KUL/KOH/KBK 310642Z AUG 76 refers).

5. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit responded to a request from HMAS YARRA on the same day to search for a child suspected lost during a visit to the ship. Fortunately the child was found unharmed onboard.

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-5 OCT 1976
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6. Acceptance trials of the Subsmash RCC fitted in HMAS STALWART were carried out on Wednesday 15th September. With the exception of two minor deficiences, which have been reported separately, the unit is now operational.

7. On Thursday 16th September, HMAS WATERHEN was inspected by the Flag Officer Commanding, EAST AUSTRALIA AREA.

8. The team participated in a Water Safety Display organised by Manly Rotary Club on Sunday 19th September, at Manly Wharf. Water Police, Sufr Life Saving Association, Volunteer Coastal Patrol and other water safety orientated organisations were also in attendance and it is felt that displays of this type are of great value to the general public. There was also considerable press and television coverage of the event.

9. On Friday 24th September, diving equipment was loaded on HMAS KIMBLA for passage to Hobart where a unit is to assist HMAS KIMBLA in mooring recovery operations during October. The unit will fly to Hobart on Saturday 2nd October.

10. The team responded to a Smashex recall PM Monday 27th September. Some confusion arose out of different authorities recalling team members, however the problem has been reported separately and it is hoped that the situation is now clear.

11. Preparations for Exercise Kangaroo Two are progressing satisfactorily, however a number of problems have arisen over supply of diving equipment due to stock shortages. At this stage it appears as though all requirements will be fulfilled.

12. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed in Annex C.

Complement

13. During the month, team members deployed in HMAS HOBART rejoined. Members of the team are currently deployed in:

HMAS PARRAMATTA - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD.

HMAS MELBOURNE - 1 ABCD (CAG EOD duties).

14. One POCD joined from HMAS MORETON on 14th September. The team is currently underborne by 1 POCD and 1 ABCD and overborne by 2 CPOCDs. One CPOCD however is undertaking courses prior to joining HMAS CURLEW.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

15. The health and morale of the team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: A. FMTU Tasks - September 1976.

B. EOD Tasks - September 1976.

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Annex A to CDT ONE
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FLEET MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING UNIT TASKS - SEPTEMBER 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASK
01 SEP	WATERHEN	Exercise Monthly Divers from PERTH (4).
01 SEP	WATERHEN	Hull Survey all small craft.
07 SEP	PLATYPUS	Exercise Monthly Divers (4).
09 SEP	TORRENS - GI	Hull Survey.
09 SEP	S.E. POUND	Preliminary Dives from HMAS HOBART (4).
10 SEP	SUPPLY	Exercise Monthly Divers (3).
	DERWENT (Oil Wharf)	Propellor clean.
	WATERHEN	HMAS BOMBARD - Insert Blank-Off.
13 SEP	WATERHEN	Assist with Slipping of Bertram.
14 SEP	N.E. POUND	Clear Workboat Screw AWB 430
17 SEP	WATERHEN	Survey OFL Mooring cables.
	S.E. POUND	Preliminary dives from HMAS HOBART(5) and HMAS OTWAY (2).
19 SEP	MANLY WHARF	Diving Display
21 SEP	C.C.D.	HMAS PERTH - Insert Blank-Off.
21 SEP	N.E. POUND	Clear Fouled propeller 23' Motor boat.
21 SEP	HMAS BRISBANE	Assist with equipment for Night Dive.
22 SEP	WATERHEN	Hull inspection 33' Motor boat.
(22 SEP	PENGUIN	Loan two divers for Course Training)
23 SEP	BRISBANE (GI)	Exercise Monthly Divers
	VAMPIRE (GI)	Recover Paint Staging & Trestles.
	DUCHESS (Cockatoo Dock)	Carry out U/W maintenance on gland.
	HMAS CURLEW (WATERHEN)	Carry out hull inspection.
23 SEP) 24 SEP)	HMAS BRISBANE (SE Cruiser Wharf)	Hull Survey
24 SEP	CCD	HMAS PERTH Remove Blank-Off.
27 SEP	Recover lost stores Cockatoo Island. Exercise one monthly diver HMAS BOMBARD.	
29 SEP	Locate magnetometers Shallow DG Range. Check propellers HMAS BUCCANEER. Replace sacrificial planking HMAS CURLEW.	

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EOD TASKS - SEPTEMBER 1976

DATE	TASK
08 SEP	Recover 1 x Mk 25 Marine Marker - Wyong Police.
15SEP	Recover 1 x M126A1 Ground illumination flare. RANRL - New Beach Road, Edgecliffe.

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PRELIMINARY DIVES - SEPTEMBER 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
HOBART	9	9	-
OTWAY	2	2	-
TOTAL	11	11	-

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WAVERTON NSW 2060
2 NOV 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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The Commander,
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HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron,
HMAS IBIS

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
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3 NOV 1976
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE -
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of October 1976.

2. A unit of the team under the command of LEUT D.N.W. BELL, RAN departed Sydney by commercial air on Saturday 2nd October to undertake a mooring recovery task in Hobart in conjunction with HMAS KIMBLA. The task was successfully completed on 5th October and the unit returned to Sydney the following day.

3. Six Royal New Zealand Navy Clearance Divers joined the team on Tuesday 5th October for Exercise Kangaroo Two. The period prior to departure for the exercise was spent in preparing equipment, familiarizing them with the exercise programme and resolving differences in equipment and operating procedures.

4. On Thursday 14th October, personnel participating in Exercise Kangaroo Two departed HMAS WATERHEN for RAAF Richmond. All problems associated with equipment acquisition were resolved and the unit was fully equipped on departure. A signalled report (my message KUL 270250Z OCT 76) has been forwarded and a full written report is in the process of preparation.

5. During the month two ABCDs per week were leant? to HMAS PENGUIN to assist in ABCDs Course 2/76.

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6. Personnel remaining in Sydney were engaged during the month in preparation of mobile displays for Clearance Diving Branch Silver Anniversary celebrations. CDT1 will be presenting displays at supermarkets and high schools in the Sydney area during the week commencing 6th December and work is well advanced for the displays.

7. Personnel participating in Exercise Kangaroo Two returned to Sydney PM Friday 29th October by RAAF aircraft and the RNZN sailors were transported to Newcastle on Saturday 30th to join HMNZS CANTERBURY.

8. On Sunday 31st October, team members presented a display at Parramatta Park in conjunction with the Enavite/National Heart Foundation Family Bicycle Rally. The display was a success and again gave the team a chance to perfect the presentation for the Silver Anniversary displays.

9. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed in Annex C.

10. Complement During the month, one CPOCD joined HMAS CURLEW. The team is currently underborne one POCD and one ABCD and overborne one CPOCD. Team members are currently deployed in:

HMAS PARRAMATTA - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD.

HMAS MELBOURNE - 1 ABCD (CAG EOD duties).

11. Health, Welfare and Morale The health and morale of the team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M.A. Lynch

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: A. FMTU Tasks - October 1976.

B. EOD Tasks - October 1976.

C. Preliminary dive candidates - October 1976.

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Annex A to CDT ONE
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FM & TU TASKS - OCTOBER 1976

Date	Location	Task
01 OCT	EMS Mooring	Clear fouled bridle
01 OCT	SE Pound	Preliminary dives from HMAS STALWART (3).
04 OCT) 05 OCT)	Derwent River, Hobart	Recover Class 4 Mooring.
05 OCT	SUPPLY	Exercise Monthly Divers (5).
05 OCT	WATERHEN	Renew anodes on HMAS BOMBARD.
06 OCT	WATERHEN	Hull & anode inspection HMAS BOMBARD.
08 OCT	GI - DUCHESS	Pack Stern Gland.
12 OCT	Clarke Is.	Exercise Monthly Divers from HMAS PERTH (5).
13 OCT	WATERHEN	Recover mooring cable.
15 OCT	PLATYPUS	Bottom Survey Submarine Wharf.
15 OCT	Neutral Bay	Survey Mooring for relocation.
15 OCT	Rose Bay	Search for Inert Mortars.
18 OCT	Neutral Bay	Relocate & position Mooring out of Submarine Approach.
19 OCT	Rose Bay	Recover Mortars with Crane Lighter.
21 OCT	Rose Bay	Search for Inert Mortars.
21 OCT	Rose Bay	Exercise PLATYPUS Monthly Divers (4).
22 OCT	Rose Bay	Recover Mortars with Crane Lighter.
25 OCT	GI - DUCHESS	Exercise DUCHESS Monthly Divers (3). Carry out Poker Gauge Test. Repack Stern Gland. Recover Ditched Telephone for NHP.
25 OCT	NE Pound	Clear fouled propeller AWB 4011.
26 OCT	WATERHEN	HMAS KIMBLA - Hull Survey and dome clean.
27 OCT	WATERHEN	HMAS KIMBLA - Inspect Dome.
27 OCT	Rose Bay	Search for Inert Mortars.
28 OCT	WATERHEN	Prelim diver from HOBART (1).
28 OCT	WATERHEN	Recover two fenders Patrol Boat Wharf.
29 OCT	WATERHEN	Recovered lost keys -- wharf.

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Annex B to CDT ONE
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dated - 2 NOV 1976

EOD TASKS - OCTOBER 1976

Date	Task
13 OCT 76	Recover 1 x MK 25 Marine Marker Point Plomer Kempsey.

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Annex C to CDT ONE
letter 16/17/4
dated 2 NOV 1976

PRELIMINARY DIVES - OCTOBER 1976

Ship	Applied	Pass	Fail
HMAS STALWART	3	2	1
HMAS HOBART	1	1	-
	4	3	1

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During the month CDT ONE dealt with a bomb hoax in a tanker & assisted SNIPE in a Mine Warfare Pilot Survey of Sydney Harbour. fk. 11/1

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Forwarded.

(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

1 DEC 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasure Squadron
HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of November, 1976.

2. The team was recalled at 2315 on Thursday 11th November to respond to a bomb threat call. A call had been made to a Sydney television channel claiming a bomb had been placed on M.V. EXPRESS, a tanker anchored 1.5 miles east of Dee Why Head and carrying 11 million gallons of petrol, dieso and aviation fuel. TRV 803 was used to transport the team to the ship and a search of the hull was commenced at 0150. Nothing was found, and after an internal search of the ship in conjunction with the crew the team returned to HMAS WATERHEN at 0500.

3. During the period Monday 15th to Wednesday 24th November the Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit assisted HMAS SNIPE in a Mine Warfare Pilot Survey of Sydney Harbour. This is the first occasion in recent years that a Clearance Diving Team has been involved in this operation and it is considered that under certain circumstances a team can effectively carry out portions of the survey requirements.

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4. On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th November a unit of the team responded to calls for assistance from HMAS PERTH when Tartar missiles were dropped during loading. On both occasions, after consultation with Ship's Staff and INO representatives, the units services were not required as the explosive case had not been damaged.

5. On Sunday 28th November the team presented a diving display at HMAS PLATYPUS on the occasion of their Families Day. Once again this presented an opportunity to perfect the displays for the 25th Anniversary celebrations which commence on Saturday 4th December.

6. During the month personnel commenced 'trickle' long leave to ensure that a diving capability is maintained, throughout the Christmas period.

7. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed at Annex C.

Complement

8. The team is currently underborne two LSCDs and one ABCD and overborne one CPOCD. Team members are currently deployed in:

HMAS PARRAMATTA - 1 POCD and 1 ABCD

HMAS MELBOURNE - 1 ABCD (CAG EOD Duties)

Health, Welfare and Morale

9. The health and morale of the team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

M.A. Lynch

(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
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CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: A. FMTU Tasks - November, 1976.

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ANNEX A TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE's
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FMTU TASKS
NOVEMBER, 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASK
01 NOV	PLATYPUS	Remove Port and Stbd. Log probes HMAS OVENS.
02 NOV	ROSE BAY WATERHEN	Recover Mortars (5). Free decents and Ditching Drills with monthly divers. PERTH 4 HOBART 3 KIMBLA 1
02 NOV	WATERHEN	Recover hawser for Crane Lighter.
04 NOV	ROSE BAY	Locate Mortars.
05 NOV	CHOWDER BAY	Hull Survey - HMAS BRISBANE.
10 NOV	PLATYPUS	Rudder inspection - HMAS OTWAY.
11 NOV	PLATYPUS	Dome Patching - HMAS OXLEY.
11 NOV	PLATYPUS	Monthly Diving Practise for: HMAS OXLEY - 3 HMAS IBIS - 3
11 NOV	PLATYPUS	Preliminary Dives for HMAS KUTTABUL (1). HMAS OXLEY (1).
11 NOV	WATERHEN	Hull clean - HMAS SNIPE and HMAS CURLEW.
15 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Hunter Bay, Watsons Bay - Rose Bay.
16 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Chowder Bay - Grotto Pt. - Shark Is.
17 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - U/W Photography - Grotto Pt. - Shark Is.
18 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Parsley Bay, Vaucluse Bay - Athol Bay.
19 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Sydney Cove, Wooloomooloo - Neutral Bay.

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DATE	LOCATION	TASK
22 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Spectacle Is, Snapper Is, Mort Bay.
22 NOV	FITTING OUT WHARF	Check Propellor Shafts DB Seal. Search for lost stores.
23 NOV	Spectacle Is.	U/W Filming for Oil Boom Trial.
23 NOV	S.E. POUND	Exercise Melbourne Divers (3).
24 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Data Dives - Grotto Pt and Shark Is.
25 NOV	SYDNEY HARBOUR	Recover Data Dive Mines - Grotto Pt. and Shark Is.
28 NOV	PLATYPUS	Carry out Diving Display.

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ANNEX B TO
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE's
LETTER 16/17/4
DATED:

EOD TASKS
NOVEMBER, 1976

DATE	TASK
02 NOV	Recover MK25 Smoke Float. Royal National Park.
11 NOV	Investigate Bomb Hoax - M.V. EXPRESS - Off Deewhy.
12 NOV	Recover MK25 Smoke Float - Royal National park
18 NOV	Recover 2.75" Rocket Motor Container - Bodalla N.S.W.
23 NOV	Recover tail unit mortar bomb - Shell Harbour.
27 NOV	Search for reported Smoke Float - Cronulla
29 NOV	Recover MK25 Smoke Float Pt. Plomer - Kempsey.

ANNEX C TO
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PRELIMINARY DIVES
NOVEMBER, 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
KUTTABUL	1	1	-
OXLEY	1	1	-

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~~DNO~~ The team undertook school + shopping centre displays. The team responded to one bomb + 2 letter bomb calls during the month fk.26/1

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Clearance Diving Team One
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

31 DEC 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
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HMAS IBIS

CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Clearance Diving Team One under my command for the month of December, 1976.

2. During the week commencing Monday 6th December, 1976 the team presented mobile displays at schools and shopping centres in the metropolitan area as a prelude to the Clearance Diving Branch 25th Anniversary Open Day at HMAS PENGUIN. The displays were mounted on each of the 5 ton trucks held by Clearance Diving Team One and Clearance Diving Team Two. The following schools and shopping centres were visited:

a. Schools

Pittwater High School
Crows Nest Boys' High School
Frenchs Forest High School
Balgowlah High School
Hunters Hill High School
Mosman High School

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b. Shopping Centres

Westfield Shopping Town, Liverpool
Roselands Community Shopping Centre
Westfield Shopping Town Burwood
Westfield Shopping Town Hornsby
Arndale Shopping Centre French's Forest
Warringah Mall, Brookvale

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Great Western Shopping Centre, Mt Druitt
Westfield Shopping Town; Parramatta
Westfield Shopping Town, North Rocks.

3. On Friday 10th December, 1976 all team members were employed at HMAS PENGUIN preparing static displays and [illegible] active displays in preparation for Open Day. All team members were involved in the Open Day programme on Saturday 11th December, 1976.

4. On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December, 1976 [illegible] attended the Diving Symposium at HMAS PENGUIN, and in conjunction with LCDR D. RAMSDEN (Fleet Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Officer) presented a paper on the role of Clearance Diving Team One and diving in the Fleet.

5. During the month personnel responded to one bomb and two suspected letter bombs calls as detailed in Annex B. The Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit has been employed as detailed in Annex A. Preliminary dive candidates are detailed at Annex C.

Complement

6. The team has maintained a Fleet Maintenance and Training Unit commitment during the leave period, and with postings due in January the team complement will be correct.

7. Team members are currently deployed in:

HMAS MELBOURNE - 1 ABCD (CAG EOD Duties).

Health, Welfare and Morale

8. The health and morale of the team members is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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(M.A. LYNCH)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER
CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM ONE

Annexes: A. - FMTU TASKS - December, 1976.
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CDT ONE'S LETTER
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FMTU TASKS
DECEMBER, 1976

DATE	LOCATION	TASKS
01 DEC	G.I.	Groove Clearance - CCD. - Hull Clearances - HMAS BRISBANE
03 DEC	G.I.	Clean Outer Groove CCD.
09 DEC	NE POUND	Clear Propeller AWB 433
14 DEC	G.I.	Assist with propellor clean and gland packing HMAS SUPPLY.
15 DEC	G.I.	Exercise 4 monthly divers - HMAS SUPPLY.
16 DEC	CO D`CK	Assist ship's divers with Log Probe replacement and hull survey - HMAS ONSLOW.
17 DEC	WATERHEN	Exercise 2 Monthly Dives - HMAS WATERHEN
20 DEC	WATERHEN	Exercise 1 monthly diver - HMAS ONSLOW.
21 DEC	WATERHEN	Hull Clean - Bertram Hull Inspection - AWB 444
23 DEC	PLATYPUS	Recover last stores. - Remove log probe - HMAS OTWAY.
23 DEC	G.I.	Recover Magazine Keys.
24 DEC	G.I.	Recover water cooler - HMAS KIMBLA
30 DEC	PLATYPUS	Replace Log Probe - HMAS OVENS.

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ANNEX B TO
CDT ONE'S LETTER
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EOD TASKS
DECEMBER, 1976

06 DEC	Responded to letter bomb scare RANTAU.
11 DEC	Responded to Bomb Threat on HMAS VAMPIRE, at G.I.
13 - 17 DEC	School Holiday Range Clearance Beecroft.
16 DEC	Responded to letter bomb scare NSC Zetland.

ANNEX C TO
CDT ONE'S LETTER
16/17/4
DATED: 31 DEC 1976

PRELIMINARY DIVES
DECEMBER, 1976

SHIP	APPLIED	PASS	FAIL
VAMPIRE	2	1	1

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